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ADDIS ABABA DAR ES SALAAM KINSHASA PRETORIA GABORONE  
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E.O. 11652: DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: ALLEGATIONS REGARDING U.S./SOUTH  
AFRICA MILITARY COOPERATION

REFERENCE: STATE 230955 (NOTAL)

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF GUIDANCE FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO  
QUESTIONS ON YOUNGHUSBAND ARTICLE, TEXT OF WHICH SENT TO  
LONDON AND SOUTH AFRICAN POSTS BY REFTEL AND BEING SENT TO  
OTHER ADDRESSEES VIA USIA WIRE FILE:

2. QUOTE (ADVISORY FOR SPOKESMAN) A WASHINGTON POST  
STORY BY PETER YOUNGHUSBAND PUBLISHED TODAY CLAIMS THAT  
SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE FORCE CHIEFS HAVE WON A SEVEN-  
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YEAR BATTLE TO SECURE OPEN U.S. SUPPORT FOR THEIR DEFENSE OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SEA ROUTE. THE YOUNGHUSBAND ARTICLE STATES SPECIFICALLY THAT THE U.S. IS NOW 'IN FIRM AGREEMENT' WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHORITIES ON THE NEED TO PROTECT THE CAPE SEA ROUTE AND THAT TOP PENTAGON STRATEGISTS ARE CONVINCED THAT THE U.S. NAVY NEEDS ACCESS TO THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVAL BASE OF SIMONSTOWN TO DO THIS. THE POST STORY ALSO CLAIMS THAT CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS UNDERWAY, 'EVEN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT' WHERE AFRICAN SPECIALISTS HAVE RESISTED IT. END ADVISORY.

3. QUESTION: IS THERE ANY TRUTH IN THE WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE TODAY ON U.S.-SOUTH AFRICA MILITARY COOPERATION?  
ANSWER: WHILE WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CAPE SEA ROUTE, I WANT TO REAFFIRM AT THE OUTSET THAT UNITED STATES POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA REMAINS THE SAME--WE ADHERE TO THE 1963 UN ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND, AS A COROLLARY TO THAT POLICY, WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIMIT OUR MILITARY CONTACTS WITH THAT COUNTRY. WE ALSO MAINTAIN OUR EMBARGO ON VISITS BY U.S. NAVAL VESSELS TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

4. AS FOR YOUNGHUSBAND'S CLAIM THAT 'CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS UNDER WAY, EVEN IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT', I ASSUME HE MEANS THAT CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR MILITARY OR NAVAL COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA IN DEFENSE OF THE CAPE ROUTE IS GOING ON IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. I CAN STATE CATEGORICALLY THAT NO SUCH PLANNING IS GOING ON IN THE DEPARTMENT.

5. THERE IS CONTINGENCY PLANNING BY NATO'S ATLANTIC COMMAND (SACLANT) CONCERNING STRATEGIC COMMODITIES, INCLUDING OIL, WHICH ARE BEING SHIPPED THROUGH THE INDIAN OCEAN, AROUND THE CAPE, AND THROUGH THE SOUTH ATLANTIC. THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY IS TO LEARN WHAT NAVAL FORCES, COMMUNICATIONS AND SUPPORT FACILITIES, AND TREATY ARRANGEMENTS ANY NATO MEMBERS MAY HAVE WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR DEFENSE OF THIS SHIPPING ROUTE. IN AUTHORIZING THIS PLANNING TASK, THE NATO DEFENSE COMMITTEE (DPC) SPECIFICALLY INSTRUCTED SACLANT THAT ANY RESULTANT PLAN WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF NATO'S MILITARY COMMITTEE AND WOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED OR EXERCISED WITHOUT DPC APPROVAL. FURTHERMORE, THE DPC INSTRUCTED THAT THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINGENCY PLANNING IS NOT TO BE INTERPRETED AS EXTENDING NATO'S SOUTHERN BOUNDARY (TROPIC OF CANCER) OR AS ACCEPTANCE BY NATO NATIONS OF ADDITIONAL DEFENSE COMMITMENTS. FINALLY, THE DPC INSTRUCTED THAT THERE BE NO CONTACT WITH NON-NATO COUNTRIES (E.G., SOUTH AFRICA) IN FORMULATING THIS PLAN.

6. THE YOUNGHUSBAND ARTICLE MENTIONS ADMIRAL JOHN MCCAIN

OF THE UNITED STATES STRATEGIC INSTITUTE. I WANT TO MAKE  
CLEAR THAT ADMIRAL MCCAIN IS RETIRED AND DOES NOT SPEAK FOR  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. ALSO, I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT  
THE U.S. STRATEGIC INSTITUTE IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION.  
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7. PLEASE REPORT LOCAL PRESS STORIES BASED ON YOUNG-  
HUSBAND ARTICLE OR GUIDANCE. INGERSOLL UNQUOTE INGERSOLL  
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